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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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Galina Karmanova
Alliance for Open Society International, Inc.
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Dear Galina Karmanova:

As you know, Dr. Kent Hill, Acting Assistant Administrator of the USAID Bureau for Global Health, notified Alliance for Open Society International, Inc. ("AOSI") in April of 2005 that advocating for the legalization of the institution of prostitution would be a clear indication that an organization does not explicitly oppose prostitution. In addition, Dr. Hill informed AOSI that organizing or unionizing prostitutes for the purposes of advocating for the legalization of prostitution, as distinct from organizing for the purposes of deterring human rights abuses and addressing public health issues, would also indicate that an organization does not explicitly oppose prostitution. I hope that my reiteration of USAID guidance will be of use to your organization in complying with your certification that you maintain a policy explicitly opposing prostitution and sex-trafficking.

Regards,

Christopher D. Crowley
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Mission Director

Cc: Richard Kushen
Board Chair
Alliance for Open Society International, Inc.